

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 71

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

Section 71. PREPARATION AND PASSAGE OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. Upon receipt of the Manager's estimate the Council shall at once prepare an appropriation ordinance using such estimate as a basis. The form, arrangement and itemization of the appropriation ordinance shall be determined and prescribed by the Auditor and Comptroller, and City Attorney. Provision shall be made by the Council for public hearings upon the appropriation ordinance either before a Committee of the Council or before the Council sitting as a committee of the whole. Following the public hearings the appropriation ordinances shall take the same course in the Council as other ordinances but shall not be passed before the first meeting of the Council in July. The Council may reduce or eliminate any item, but may not increase any amount or add any new item for personal services, contractual services, materials, supplies, and equipment for any Department unless requested in writing so to do by the Manager or by the Board, Commission or officer in charge of a Department not under the jurisdiction of the Manager. Upon final passage, the appropriation ordinance shall be published in the manner provided for the publication of other ordinances.

2. Amendment voted 11-06-1962; effective 01-21-1963

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3. Amendment voted 11-04-1969; effective 01-29-1970

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Upon receipt of the Manager's estimate the Council shall prepare an appropriation ordinance using such estimate as a basis. The form, arrangement and itemization of the appropriation ordinance shall be determined and prescribed by the Auditor and Comptroller, and City Attorney. Provision shall be made by the Council for a minimum of two (2) public hearings upon the appropriation ordinance either before a Committee of the Council or before the Council sitting as a committee of the whole. Following the public hearings the appropriation ordinances shall take the same course in the Council as other ordinances and shall be adopted during the month of July. The Council may reduce or eliminate any item, may increase any amount or add any new item for personal services, contractual services, materials, supplies, and equipment for any Department. Upon final passage, the appropriation ordinance shall be published in the manner provided for the publication of other ordinances.

4. Amendment voted 11-07-1978; effective 01-12-1979

Section 71: Preparation and Passage of Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Upon receipt of the Manager's estimate the Council shall prepare an appropriation ordinance using such estimate as a basis. The form, arrangement and itemization of the appropriation ordinance shall be determined and prescribed by the Auditor and Comptroller, and City Attorney. Provision shall be made by the Council for a minimum of two (2) public hearings upon the appropriation ordinance either before a Committee of the Council or before the Council sitting as a committee of the whole. Following the public hearings the appropriation ordinances shall take the same course in the Council as other ordinances and shall be adopted during the month of July. The Council may reduce or eliminate any new item, may increase any amount or add any item for personal services, contractual services, materials, supplies, and equipment for any Department. However, the appropriation for the general operations of the City excluding water utilities funds, capital improvements, bond interest and redemption, retirement system contributions, grant funded programs, all other special funds in existence prior to the effective date of this section and expenditures to pay judgments or extraordinary claims or to defray the cost of emergency measures as defined in Section 17 of this Charter shall not exceed the prior year's appropriation for general operations of the City, with the stated exclusions, adjusted by no more than three quarters (3/4) of the percentage change in the price index added to any percentage increase in population growth. For purposes of this limitation, the term "percentage change in price index" shall be the percentage change from the first full quarter of the prior calendar year to the first full quarter of the current calendar year in the costs of goods and services purchased by

local governments, as determined by the City Auditor and Comptroller from information published by United States Department of Commerce or other official government sources. The term "percentage increase in population growth" shall be any percentage increase from the first full quarter of the prior calendar year to the first full quarter of the current calendar year in the total population of the City as estimated by the Planning Director. This limitation shall not apply to any expenditure approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting at a general or special election subsequent to the effective date of this section. In the event that the revenues for the general operations of the City, with the stated exclusions, exceed the appropriation for such operations by more than 5%, such excess shall be used solely for tax reductions or tax refunds in a manner determined by the City Council. Upon final passage, the appropriation ordinance shall be published in the manner provided for the publication of other ordinances.

(Effective 07-08-2008, the authority, power, and responsibilities conferred upon the Auditor and Comptroller by this Charter were transferred to the Chief Financial Officer. See section 39.)

5. Amendment voted 06-07-2016; effective 07-18-2016

See current Charter.